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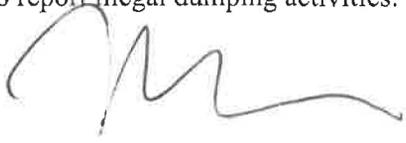
Illegal dumping remains a pervasive and costly issue across the City of Los Angeles, severely impacting public health, safety, and the environment. The current enforcement efforts, while necessary, are often hampered as many violators view existing citations as merely a routine cost of doing business, undermining their deterrent effect. The policy efforts by the City to have a positive impact on curbing illegal dumping need to be prioritized and implemented beyond just fines and punishments, but by having our resources aligned to fit the goal. Council File 25-0203 aims to increase fines and strengthen enforcement; however, the departments have made no progress in advancing these measures.

To effectively deter future violations and align penalties with the severity of the offense and the impact on the quality of life of affected residents, the City must pursue options to increase fines substantially. However, local municipalities' ability to set fines is constrained by California state law, which caps the maximum fine or penalty for most infractions. To significantly exceed these statutory maximums, the City of Los Angeles should seek ways to petition the State Legislature to grant it specific authority.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the BUREAU OF SANITATION (BOS), in coordination with the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Office of the City Attorney, and other relevant departments authorized to address and enforce the City's illegal dumping laws be instructed to prepare and submit a report to the City Council on the feasibility to:

- Increase at the City-level the criminal fines for illegal dumping of all forms of waste materials on unauthorized public property or on private land for both first-time and repeat offenders; and
- Address the current gaps in enforcement and the necessary resources required to implement a more aggressive enforcement strategy; and
- Develop a strategy to maximize deterrence and prosecution with the end goal of decreasing the incidents of illegal dumping across the City.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the BOS report on the feasibility of establishing a dedicated revenue stream, supported by the increased fines collected from illegal dumping violations, to fund expanded cleanup efforts and public reward programs designed to encourage residents to report illegal dumping activities.

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